

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-32 are pending. Claims 1-13, 15-28, and 30-32 are allowed. Claims 14 and 29 stand rejected. In this response, claims 14 and 29 are canceled without prejudice. No claims have been amended. No new claims have been added. Thus, claims 1-13, 15-28, and 30-32 remain pending.

Rejection

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 14 and 29

Claims 14 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohmori, US Patent No. 6,647,502 in view of Berens et al, US Patent No. 6,973,148. Claims 14 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-13, 15-28 and 30-32.

CONCLUSION

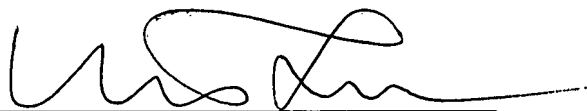
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome.

Authorization is now given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then applicant hereby requests such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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